footnote on sentences

After the conviction of Mitchell, Mardian, Haldeman and Ehrlichman in the major conspiracy case and prior to his sentencing them, Sirica unexpectedly freed Dean, Magruder and Kalmbach from jail by acting on "routine motions" filed over the months by their lawyers. The Washington Post (1/9/75) quoted "veteran prosecutors" as finding it "highly unusual...specifically questioning the timing of Sirica's order."